

UTAH SWEEPS THE 2006 SMOKEY BEAR AWARDS BRINGING HOME THE BEAR

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From north to south, Utah was recently recognized for its regional and local wildland fire program impact. Each year the National Association of State Foresters (NASF), the USDA Forest Service and the Advertising Council sponsor the national Smokey Bear Awards. The awards are the highest national honor one can receive for outstanding contributions in wildland fire prevention.

And the winners are...

2006 Silver Smokey Bear Award Teresa Rigby of the Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

Teresa's pioneering work in the fire trespass field stems from her professional and personal concern about wildfire prevention. Her "no stone left unturned" work ethic toward fire trespass was recognized nationally by the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) when her advice was solicited for the development of the 2005 BLM Fire Trespass Handbook, a guiding reference for state and local offices regarding fire trespass programs.



Monger, Rigby and Lund

2006 Bronze Smokey Bear Award Thomas Lund, Arizona Strip, Bureau of Land Management Wayne Monger, Dixie National Forest

Tom and Wayne have developed a cooperative interagency fire prevention, mitigation and education program that crosses geographic boundaries. Together they are very active with local city and county fire departments to develop a working relationship during fires and implementing fuels projects. Tom and Wayne work as a team, in constant support of each other, their co-workers and their community.

Congratulations Teresa, Tom and Wayne; who have conducted themselves in the field of wildland fire prevention in such a manner they're called winners.

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